

# EX-PRES. ROOSEVELT FOUND DEAD IN BED, RHEUMATISM AFFECTING HEART BEING THE PROBABLE CAUSE OF HIS DEMISE

It Is Said, However, That Grief Over the Death of His Son, Lieut. Quentin Roosevelt, Who Was Killed in an Air Battle, Was One of the Prominent Contributing Causes.

## ROOSEVELT HAD RETURNED FROM HOSPITAL ON CHRISTMAS DAY

A Week After That He Was Stricken With a Severe Attack of Rheumatism and Sciatica, but 48 Hours Ago His Physicians Found Him to Be in Good Condition and Quite Jovial.

Oyster Bay, L. I., Jan. 6.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt died in his sleep early to-day at his home on Sagamore hill in this village. Death is believed to have been due to rheumatism which affected his heart.

The colonel suffered a severe attack of rheumatism and sciatica on New Year's day, but none believed that his illness would likely prove fatal. The former president sat up most of Sunday and retired at 11 o'clock last night. About 4 a. m., Mrs. Roosevelt, who was the only other member of the family at Oyster Bay, went to her husband's room and found that he had died during the night.

Mrs. Roosevelt telephoned Colonel Emden Roosevelt, cousin of the former president, and he came to the Roosevelt home immediately. Telegrams were dispatched to the colonel's children, who were in other parts of the country. Two of the colonel's sons, Major Theodore Roosevelt, jr., and Captain Kermit Roosevelt, are in service abroad. Captain Archie Roosevelt and his wife left New York last night for Boston, where the captain's wife's father is ill. Mrs. Ethel Derby and her two children are in Aiken, S. C.

The hour for the funeral was officially announced as for 12:45 p. m. Wednesday at Christ church here. Telegrams of condolence and sympathy began to pour in from all parts of the country to-day, as soon as the news of Colonel Roosevelt's death became known.

The former president came to his home at Sagamore hill from the Roosevelt hospital on Christmas day, but a week later was stricken with a severe attack of rheumatism and sciatica, from which he had been suffering for some time. The rheumatism affected his right hand and it became much swollen. He remained in his room and efforts were made to check the trouble. Last Saturday the colonel's secretary, Miss Josephine Stricker, called to see him, but the colonel was asleep in his room. Miss Stricker said to-day that no one had any idea that death was so near at hand.

Flags were placed at half mast in Oyster Bay to-day.

W. Emden Roosevelt, cousin of the colonel, in announcing the arrangements as thus far fixed, said that Mrs. Roosevelt's desire was that her husband "be buried as a private citizen." For this reason the funeral would be private, he said. It was Mrs. Roosevelt's desire that no flowers be sent.

The exact time of Colonel Roosevelt's death was 4:15 a. m., as nearly as can be determined, for there was no person at his bedside at the moment he passed away. A minute or two before, his attendant, James Amos, the young colored man who has been in the employ of the colonel ever since he left the White House, noticed that the patient was breathing heavily in his sleep and went to call a nurse. When he returned with her the former president was dead. Mrs. Roosevelt was immediately summoned.

(The obituary of Col. Roosevelt will be found on page 2.)

### ROOSEVELT'S NURSE SURPRISED. Could Not Believe It When Mrs. Roosevelt Telephoned.

New York, Jan. 6.—News of the death of former President Roosevelt was received by Mrs. Josephine Stricker, the colonel's secretary, in a telephone message from Mrs. Roosevelt.

Miss Stricker said the colonel had suffered an attack of inflammatory rheumatism on New Year's day and had since been more or less confined to his room.

The attack of rheumatism settled mainly in Colonel Roosevelt's right hand and Mrs. Roosevelt sent at once for a nurse in the village of Oyster Bay. His condition did not at first seem to be alarming, and the turn for the worse is believed not to have come until last night.

In announcing Colonel Roosevelt's death, Miss Stricker said:

"Mrs. Roosevelt called me on the telephone shortly before 7 o'clock, saying that the colonel had died early to-day. She did not give me any particulars and I am leaving at once for Oyster Bay."

"The attack must have been very sudden. On New Year's day inflammatory rheumatism developed in Colonel Roosevelt's right hand, which became very much swollen. Mrs. Roosevelt sent for a nurse in the village and the colonel was made as comfortable as possible. It did not occur to me at that time that he was seriously ill."

Miss Stricker went to Oyster Bay last Saturday to pay the colonel a visit. She said:

"At that time the colonel was sleeping in his room and I did not see him, and there was nothing in the circumstances of his illness at that time to indicate to

and bring him table delicacies of which he was especially fond.

Two medical tests had been made at the hospital, one by Dr. Richards and the other by Dr. Hartwell, each of which it was said, indicated that the colonel was entirely free from any organic disease and that his only trouble was the inflammatory rheumatism. This ailment was pronounced only in his left leg, but at times it affected one of his hands and arms.

"If you could see the trayful of food that is sent to Colonel Roosevelt's room at dinner time," said a friend of the family, "you would think he was certainly on the mend. He has the appetite of a vigorous, healthy school boy."

Blood pressure tests, it was said, showed that the patient had arteries of a man of 40 instead of 60 years.

One of the things that is believed to have contributed more than any other to the colonel's breakdown was the death last fall of his son, Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, the aviator, in action in France. Proud of his heroic son's achievement, Colonel Roosevelt bore up under the sorrow of his death with a fortitude that was in keeping with his spirit in public life. Friends said, however, that while the father "did not carry his heart on his sleeve," he suffered most poignant grief in silence and tried to forget it by plunging harder than ever into his work.

Quentin was killed in combat on July 17, 1918, at Chateau, France. For some weeks previous to confirmation of his death there were reports that he had possibly been taken prisoner by the Germans and might turn up alive. This suspense added to the distress of the Roosevelt household. When the news of his death finally was officially confirmed General Pershing called Colonel Roosevelt to the front and the body of Quentin would be removed to America. France meanwhile, had paid the fullest honors to the dead aviator, and the Roosevelt family declined to accept the war department's offer.

"We greatly prefer that Quentin shall continue to lie on the spot where he fell in battle and where the Germans buried him," Colonel Roosevelt wrote to General Peyton C. March. "After the war is over, Mrs. Roosevelt and I intend to visit the grave and then to have a small stone put up by us, but not disturbing what has already been erected to his memory by his friends and American comrades in arms."

Colonel Roosevelt had been known to be looking forward to his journey overseas with mingled feelings of sadness and pride. No plans had been made for his departure, it was said, but it was thought that if his condition improved he and Mrs. Roosevelt might start sometime in May or June.

Colonel Roosevelt was also concerned over the wound received in action by his son, Captain Archibald Roosevelt, which caused paralysis in his arm, for which he is now being treated.

Although there were no indications of a setback after the colonel's return to Oyster Bay, fears for his well-being and convalescence had been expressed by his friends. One object of his going to the hospital was that he might have at hand more of the conveniences of the sick room than were accessible in his own home. Sagamore Hill, standing on an eminence and always a delightful place in summer, swept by breezes from Long Island sound, these friends of Roosevelt said was not so comfortable in winter. Two furnaces in the cellar kept going continuously in zero weather and grate fires in every room hardly sufficed to heat the long halls in the former president's home. Despite this, the colonel insisted he and the other members of his family were hardy and accustomed to the rigors of winter living in country homes.

In the same manner as his death was caused by a clot of blood detached from a thrombosed vein. On the former occasion, however, the passage of the clot through the arteries to the lungs or the brain was checked in time to save the patient's life.

Dr. Richards revealed in his statement that the colonel's inflammatory rheumatism, from which he suffered acutely at times, was traceable 20 years back to an infected tooth. This infection spread to nearly all the joints in the colonel's body as the years went on.

"Dr. Richards denied statements which have been published from time to time that Colonel Roosevelt suffered from sciatica as well as rheumatism. The physician asserted also that the colonel had never suffered with mastoiditis, as was reported when he went under an operation about a year ago for the removal of the infected tooth. This infection spread to nearly all the joints in the colonel's body as the years went on."

"While the colonel was in the hospital, he had a pulmonary embolism, about three weeks before he went home, which nearly cost him his life at that time. This was caused by a clot of blood breaking away from a thrombosed vein. "Since leaving the hospital he had been doing well until last night, when he died in his sleep. The cause was probably an embolism—whether to the lungs, as I believe, or to the brain, as may be possible, only an autopsy could determine. There will be no autopsy in this case unless one is requested by the Roosevelt family."

Was Near Death Previously.

New York, Jan. 6.—Colonel Roosevelt suffered a pulmonary embolism which nearly cost him his life three weeks before he left Roosevelt hospital on Christmas day, it was learned to-day. "Nothing regarding this approach to death has hitherto become known, but it was recalled to-day by Dr. Richards in telling of the colonel's exact condition during his last illness."

## NATION GOES INTO MOURNING

Flags Were Half-Masted at White House, the Capitol and Elsewhere

### AS FITTING TRIBUTE TO ROOSEVELT

Sec. Daniels and Gen. March Order Like Action All Over the Country

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—Flags were half-masted at the White House, the Capitol and all public buildings to-day upon the announcement of the death of Colonel Roosevelt, and, in respect to the memory of the former president and commander-in-chief, Secretary Daniels and General March ordered flags at half mast on every ship and shore station of the navy and at every army post and camp at home and abroad.

Both houses of Congress adjourned to-day as a mark of respect after adopting resolutions of regret at the death of Colonel Roosevelt and providing for the appointment of committees to attend the funeral.

The death of Colonel Roosevelt shocked the capital. Profound sorrow was shown by the many who knew the former president personally, and his political friends and antagonists joined in expressions of admiration for the man.

The announcement was cable to President Wilson as soon as it reached the White House. The flag over the executive mansion was lowered to half mast, and this soon was done also at all other public buildings.

Colonel Roosevelt's daughter, Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, and her husband, Representative Longworth of Ohio, left Washington on an early train for Oyster Bay.

Attaches at the White House, many of whom have served there for years, were among those most deeply touched by the passing of their former chief.

"He was as plain as an old shoe," commented one veteran in service, but he was quick to add that any order given by "Teddy" had to be carried out to the letter. Others of the White House staff recalled Colonel Roosevelt's informal receptions every Christmas and every time he returned from a vacation.

### HENRY FORD WILL CONTEST SEAT

Asks Through a Petition to Vice-President Marshall That a Recount of Votes in Michigan Be Held.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—In a petition received to-day by Vice-President Marshall and laid before the Senate, Henry Ford, Democratic candidate for United States senator, who was defeated on the face of returns by Truman H. Newberry, Republican, gave formal notice of a contest of the Senate seat and asked for a recount of the ballots.

Excessive use of money in Newberry's campaign, intimidation of voters, improper rejection of ballots, "flagrant violation" of Michigan election laws, and many other charges were made by Mr. Ford in his petition.

### FORMER GERMAN ARMY HAS CEASED TO EXIST

Already 150 Divisions Have Been Demobilized and the Remainder Is Being Fast Broken Up.

Basle, Jan. 6 (Havas).—The former German army has ceased to exist, says the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung of Berlin, as 150 divisions already have been demobilized. The demobilization of the other units, the paper says, is proceeding rapidly.

### SPARTACUS GROUP IN RAID.

Seized the Office of the Semi-Official News Agency.

Amsterdam, Jan. 6.—The Spartacus group Sunday evening made another attempt to seize the reins of power in Berlin and occupied the office of the Wolff bureau, the semi-official news agency.

There had been intimations that an overturn of some sort in the German capital was expected Saturday.

A telegram from Berlin to-day says that the office of the Wolff bureau, the semi-official news agency, was occupied Sunday evening, but it does not state by whom the seizure was made.

The last telegram received here from the Wolff bureau announced the seizure of its offices.

Private advice says that the Spartacus occupied the offices of half a dozen big newspapers, including the Socialist Vorwarts.

### POLES DEFEATED GERMANS.

Captured All the Airplanes in Lawica Airplane.

Amsterdam, Jan. 6.—The air force of Poland, Sunday by Polish troops, according to a dispatch from Posen, the German garrison and all the airplanes were captured after a fight.

## NEW ENGLAND FEELS SHOCK

Although It Was Known That Col. Roosevelt Was a Broken Man Physically

### LAST APPEARANCE IN BOSTON MAY 2

Capt. Archibald Roosevelt Hurried Back to Oyster Bay

Boston, Jan. 6.—The death of Colonel Roosevelt caused a shock in New England though his intimates had known something of his physical condition and those who observed him closely at his last public appearance in Boston on May 2 realized that he was a broken man physically. The occasion was a Liberty loan rally arranged by the Boston Chamber of Commerce and the Pilgrim Publicity association. When the colonel arrived he felt his way hesitatingly across the stage and seemed a bit weary by the prolonged demonstration he received. Later Governor McCall facetiously referred to his own age and then to Colonel Roosevelt as still a young man comparatively. At this the colonel smiled, but shook his head, and in a voice that was audible only to those very near him, said:

"No, no."

New England had a peculiar interest in the former president from the time he entered Harvard, and this was added to when he married a Boston girl, Miss Alice Hathaway Lee, in 1880. She died four years later.

When the news of Colonel Roosevelt's death was received Governor Coolidge ordered the flag at the State House at half-mast and Mayor Peters directed that the flag over City hall be half-masted. Soon throughout the city the colors appeared similarly. Governor Coolidge and many other officials issued expressions of regret.

The happiest episode in his recent visits to Boston was when the colonel for the first time saw his grandson, Archibald Roosevelt, jr. Mr. Roosevelt was returning on March 29 from Portland, Me., where the night before, contrary to the advice of his physicians, he had addressed the Republican state convention. His delight was exhibited with the old-time ring when at the home of Thomas St. John Lockwood, father-in-law of Captain Archibald Roosevelt, he found the captain's wife and the newest Roosevelt just two months old. At that time Captain Roosevelt was in a hospital in France.

Thomas St. John Lockwood died Saturday night, but the fact did not become generally known until this morning when the home was communicated with in reference to the death of Mr. Roosevelt. Mr. Lockwood's daughter, Mrs. Archie Roosevelt, arrived here from New York this afternoon. Captain Roosevelt was accompanying her when a message overtook him on the train, which he left at the next station with the purpose of going immediately to Oyster Bay.

### RATES MADE BY STATES WILL NOT HOLD—MADDOO

This Announcement Was Made by Director McAdoo in Discussing Suits Instituted by the States.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—Orders of state commissions prescribing interstate rates instead of those initiated by the director-general and injunctions by state court forbidding the application of the initiated rates to state shipments cannot be observed by railroads under government control.

This announcement was made to-day by Director-General McAdoo in a statement discussing litigation begun by several states to question the validity of rates initiated by him under the federal railroad control act. Mr. McAdoo said he regretted that a contest should be precipitated between state and federal authority, and expressed hope that the states which have begun actions would hold them in abeyance.

The director-general said he could not conceive that any state would be placed at a practical disadvantage by the initiated rates, since the state itself or the commission of the state or any citizen was free to file a complaint before the interstate commerce commission against any rates considered unjust or unfair and have the issue determined in the light of the facts.

### LUXEMBURG'S YOUNG RULER TO GET OUT

Political Situation in the Grand Duchy Is Said to Be Responsible for Her Decision to Leave.

Paris, Jan. 6 (Havas).—Grand Duchess Marie Adelaide of Luxembourg, the Matin says it learns from a reliable source, has decided to leave Luxembourg, owing to the political situation there. The situation, it is added, has become unfavorable for the grand duchess.

Grand Duchess Marie Adelaide is 24 years old and became the ruler of Luxembourg in June, 1918, and on Nov. 26 appeared to President Wilson for protection. During that month it was reported her abdication would be demanded by the Parliament and the people. The political situation in Luxembourg has been unsettled for several years.

## LANESBORO TRACT BOUGHT BY STATE

About 6,000 Acres of Wild Land on Montpelier & Wells River Railroad Are Included in Purchase.

Chief Forester W. G. Hastings of the state forestry department at Montpelier, in an interview to-day, gave out the information that the state of Vermont is closing a deal whereby it purchases the Lanesboro tract on the Montpelier & Wells River railroad and locally known as the Gosland tract. This purchase is in keeping with the recognized and well established policy of the state in forestry matters to secure through purchase certain of its wild outcrop lands to be operated as a forest property by the forestry department incidental to its other work and to show through example how such tracts of land should be treated by forest owners and also to net a revenue for use in future forestry operations.

This area is perhaps better suited for demonstration purposes than any other tract of similar size in the state.

The railroad passes through the tract and the area will therefore be viewed with interest annually by thousands of the citizens of Vermont as well as by strangers passing through the state. The area is also most suitably located since it is an integral part of a much larger area consisting of some 25,000 to 30,000 acres of desolated country all of which should be purchased by the state and through scientific forest care be reclaimed from its present state of non-production. There is no reason why such lands should not be changed from a worthless state to one of highest intrinsic value and especially is this true when the change can be brought about without ultimate cost to the state. In fact, a forest tract in the most deplorably wrecked condition can be made to not only pay its way but to yield a handsome revenue at the end of the first rotation of say 80 years.

This acquisition in one stroke creates the largest single piece of forest property the state has acquired. The second and third largest of the thirteen state forests are the Mansfield and Camel's Hump forests with 5,000 and 4,500 acres of land respectively. Not only is this the largest forest tract ever acquired at one time by the department, but it is likewise the most accessible and also the least rugged, all of which are factors which go to make this by far the most desirable purchase of its kind the state ever made.

The money for this desirable purchase was made available partly through direct appropriation for the purpose, partly by earnings of the forestry department and partly through savings effected in the money provided for forestry administration by a discontinuance of some of the field activities in forestry matters due to the scarcity of labor and the excessively high prices prevailing. All things considered, it is felt that the state's money could have been spent in no more judicious manner.

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### FOR BANK COMMISSIONER.

Two Candidates Have Already Entered Field in Vermont.

Two candidates are making canvasses for the appointment of bank commissioner. These are George Carpenter of White River Junction and Charles F. Heath of Burlington, both of whom have been employed in banks, and it is understood are securing the endorsement of banking officials.

### A Special from the Holler.

The Holler—Jan. six.

Mister J. Mackay.

Treas. Barry City Hospital, Barry.

Dere Jimmie—Bi Gorry, Jimmie, we hev only 4 mor days tew git aw fixed up fer the 2 big nights in yore Opey House, butt ef wud dew yore hart good ter see how the daly rehearsals be komin up under the tough dish.

Of Her Member—Limbunig up toluble smart undir Alfally Jacksun an his bare greeze. An sey, Jimmie, R. Smith from Traow Hill wud make A. Tomasy's blind hoss laff. The Hill alows dew send down sum hevvyvegts, butt R. Smith hev gut ef over them awl. Newton Newkirk git lots o' valyably material such as several cases of steel.

Ya know, Jimmie, thet ev awl the Green an Holler plays ev allus hev sum tew at the taown fule, an the dey of the big sno storm the boys deroided no one wud be better then Fred Baneruff becoz he end ack mighty natyural on the stag. Brutus George ez Belasco Booth kaint no slouchy erd while he sings "Im Goin Tew Quit an BEE GOOD."

John Burleson Leslie be goin ter imyte Square Jenkins and Bi-Cats he iz good tew. J. Traow an Herb Lennard and G. McFarlin kin git sum new pinturs from him, yud bettur tel thim. A. Guthrie ez Kornstuble wud make F. Brayley laff sum I wud kum him tew the shay.

Jimmie, naow we be kumin tew a pint them may be kinder taowthy weth sum of yore chur deekuns butt Swanny my sole, we'll wagur a keg ef idur thet ef yu kin git them aout the fast nite, they'll kum back fer fast raw sets the second nite.

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## BANK COMM'R IS OVERWORKED

Inference from F. C. Williams' Testimony in His Own Defense

### HAD LITTLE TIME FOR AUDITOR'S ACCOUNTS

He Did Not Report Alleged Shortages, as Vouchers Examined Didn't Show Any

On the resumption to-day of the trial of State vs. Frank C. Williams, the state bank commissioner, who is charged with neglect to report conditions in the state auditor's office while H. F. Graham was auditor, the respondent himself continued to testify in his own behalf. He declared that the reason he failed to make any report on alleged shortages in the auditor's accounts for the periods of 1912, 1914 and 1916 was because there was no evidence of a shortage, as far as the vouchers would show.

The respondent then went on to tell how advances were made to the trustees of state institutions when he was a trustee, and that the same practice was allowed other officials of the state.

Testimony concerning the amount of work which the bank commissioner has to perform, the introduction of which was opposed by the state last week, was made to-day without objection. Mr. Williams stated that there are 38 savings banks in the state, which have to be examined two times a year. Furthermore, under the "blue sky law," from 70 to 80 investment companies have been examined since 1912, and now there are approximately 100 which come under the examination of the bank commissioner.

He testified that the commissioner's time was pretty thoroughly occupied and that the examination of the auditor's accounts had to be done at such time as was available.

Mr. Williams testified that all the vouchers showed up, although some of them were late. A piece of paper bearing some figures, which, it was testified last week, were made by Deputy Auditor J. E. Joslyn, was presented to-day. The figures on that paper do not agree with the figures of the state as to the alleged shortage. The witness told of the overdrift and the payments made, and he went at considerable length into a statement of balances of the different years.

There is a rumor about the courthouse that Gov. Graham is to be called as a witness and that he will not be called by the respondent. That rumor could not be substantiated this noon.

### RATIFICATION SEEMS LIKELY IN VERMONT

It Is Probable, Too, That the Legislature Will Make Some Change in the State Accounting System.

Action on the prohibition amendment to the federal constitution and legislation designed to give the state a better system of accounting are the leading issues to come before the session of the Vermont legislature to open Wednesday, Jan. 8. Although the governor has no voice in the matter of ratifying or rejecting the amendment, Governor-Elect Percival W. Wilson, in his primary campaign emphasized his belief in local option. He was nominated by the Republicans and was elected over the Democratic nominee, who had the endorsement also of the prohibition party. Both Republican and Democratic party leaders, however, have expressed the opinion that ratification of the amendment was probable.

The recent indictment of Governor H. F. Graham for irregularities permitted while he occupied the office of state auditor, led to a strong movement for a revision of the state accounting system.

It is expected that legislation will be enacted looking toward extensive improvement of the highways.

### FUNERAL OF MRS. H. O. STAFFORD

Was Held Saturday Afternoon at the Home of Her Parents.

The funeral of Mrs. Harry O. Stafford, who died at her home in Burlington on Wednesday morning, was held at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Breelin of 1 Webster street, Saturday afternoon with a large attendance of relatives and friends, among the number being the Order of Rebekahs. There were prayers at the house at 2 o'clock and funeral services at the First Presbyterian church at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Edgar Crossland officiated at both. The Rebekahs marched in a body and performed their rites at the church. The bearers were John McHugh, Jr., James Black, James W. Gault, James Levis, Jr., John L. Maxam and Edwin Williams. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery.

### ORANGE COUNTY JUDGE.

R. Nelson Darling of Bradford Chosen to Succeed Clinton Adams.

Clinton Adams of Thetford, who has been one of the assistant judges of Orange county court, has signed and sent the same to Gov. H. F. Graham, who has accepted. The action of Mr. Adams in the matter was taken because he has been elected to the Senate and will assume his duties this week.

Gov. Graham this morning appointed R. Nelson Darling of Bradford to fill the vacancy. Mr. Darling is a retired business man of that town and was recently elected assistant judge in Orange county. He was many years a lumber manufacturer in Groton.

### GERMANS LEAVE COLMAR.

And Are Returning to Germany, Says Report to Paris.

Paris, Jan. 6.—Many Germans are leaving Colmar and returning to Germany, according to a Colmar dispatch to the Temps.

Two professors, two doctors, a judge of an appeal court and the military governor have been given permission to leave Metz and return to Germany.